

## Message from State Senator Dennis Damon



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Dear Lamoine Residents,

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature has put people first. We are working to move Maine forward. Through increased investments in jobs and the economy, education, health care, local communities, our natural heritage and the environment we are continuing to build for Maine's future.

In the last few years we have implemented the most significant small business agenda in twenty-five years. The creation of economic Pine Tree Zones and the establishment of the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board will encourage economic growth and development. We have improved access to online permitting for professional license holders and have allowed for increased access to state contracts by Maine small businesses. With the creation of the Community College System we are providing a better opportunity for thousands of Maine people to continue their education and improve their employment skills. A well trained, highly educated and readily available workforce is critical to job growth and economic development. We are moving forward by providing businesses and workers the tools they need to succeed. High-speed internet is vital for Maine to compete globally and we are committed to doing that. We are working to establish a business court that will allow Maine businesses quick and easy access to our state's legal system when needed.

In November 2005 voters passed Question 7 which asked, "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to permit the Legislature to authorize waterfront land used for commercial fishing activities to be accessed based on the land's current use in a similar manner to treatment now available for farms, open space and forestland?" By a margin of 72% in favor and 28% opposed we answered emphatically "yes" we do. The day following the vote, I submitted legislation to protect Maine's working waterfront. My legislation, when passed, will tax working waterfront property at its current use rather than its highest and best use. With this law we will stop the erosion of our way of life, our heritage, and for many of us, our family traditions that have spanned generations.

I believe our economy is vital for our future. I will continue working for our coastal communities. I am committed to working for Hancock County and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damon".

Senator Dennis S. Damon  
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